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SUBJECT: UPI INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER ON DISSOLUTION OF
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PRG RECOGNITION ISSUE, VIENTIANE
SIDE FRONT, AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF CURRENT INTEREST

REF: A) VIENTIANE 5323

B) VIENTIANE 5287

1. OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE JULY 10 PUBLISHED JULY 9 INTERVIEW OF
PRIME MINISTER BY UPI CORRESPONDENT COVERING NUMBER OF IMPORTANT
SUBJECTS RELATED TO REFTELS. FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS BY PRIME
MINISTER DURING INTERVIEW:

A. GOVERNMENT WILL SOON EXAMINE QUESTION OF DISSOLVING NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS MODALITIES FOR HOLDING NEW ELECTIONS,
WHICH MUST CONFORM TO THE CONSTITUTION.

B. RECOGNITION OF PRG/SVN WOULD BE POSTPONED AS LONG AS THE
DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION HAS NOT BECOME TOTALLY STABLE.

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C. NEWSPAPERS IN LAOS WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO PRIOR CENSORSHIP

"AS LONG AS CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE COUNTRY REMAIN NORMAL."

D. ADVISERS FROM MEKONG COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT AREAS UNDER PATHET LAO CONTROL, PROBABLY TOWARD THE END OF THIS YEAR, TO MAKE PRELIMINARY STUDIES OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DAMS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, PRIME MINISTER SAID HE APPROVED "EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE TO COALESCE FORCES FAVORABLE TO PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION." HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF THIS INITIATIVE.

3. BESIDES THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEW, LAO PRESSE JULY 10 REPORTED THAT DR. KITHONG VONGSAY, PRIME MINISTER'S LEGAL ADVISER, HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE DELEGATION TO THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT, REPLACING JUSTICE MINISTER KHAMKING SOUVANLASA, AS OF JULY 1, 1974.
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